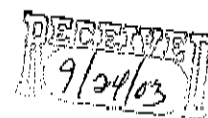


Sep 24 03 05:27a
EEZ Letter

908 362 7180

Robert A. Carlson

908-362-7180

P. 1
Page 1 of 2

Anne Lange
Chief, State-Federal Fisheries Division
Office of Sustainable Fisheries
National Marine Fisheries Service
1315 East-West Highway, Room 13317
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

VIA FACSIMILE (301) 713-0596

Dear Ms. Lange:

The Hudson River Fishermen's Association (HRFA) is a nationally recognized conservation leader, representing individual sport fishermen of the New York and New Jersey area. As a member of the HRFA, I respectfully urge NMFS to keep the EEZ closed to striped bass fishing.

First, NMFS must address the commercial bycatch of striped bass that is already occurring in the EEZ before opening these waters to directed fisheries. Extensive coastal migrations of striped bass occur annually in the Mid-Atlantic EEZ and many of these fish are large breeders. During these migrations, large numbers of bass are particularly vulnerable to commercial nets. On the water observations have shown that there is already a significant amount of striped bass mortality in the EEZ due to commercial bycatch. It would not be appropriate to remove the moratorium until this is addressed.

Second, as Amendment 6 states, there are concerns about the relative lack of larger fish in the stock. Lifting the moratorium would place an increased pressure on the stock of older, larger fish, which Amendment 6 seeks to enhance. Thus, the long-term sustainability of the stock would be threatened.

Furthermore, an open harvest of striped bass in the EEZ could cause the fishing mortality rate to exceed the targets set in Amendment 6. Increased effort and landings in the EEZ could then result in more restrictive management measures for recreational fishermen such as higher minimum size limits, reduced bag limits, and shorter seasons which would surely

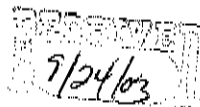
Sep 24 03 05:28a
EEZ Letter

Robert A. Carlson

908-362-7180

P. 2
Page 2 of 2

add up to lost opportunities for the recreational fishing sector.



Striped bass are far too valuable to the recreational fishing sector and coastal communities to be compromised by opening the EEZ at this time. I strongly urge NMFS to continue the striped bass harvest moratorium in the EEZ.

Sincerely,

Name: ROBERT A. CARLSON SR.
Signature: [Signature]

Address: 27 E. CRISMAN RD.

Date: 9/23/03

City: BLAIRSTOWN State: NJ Zip: 07825

EEZ Letter

Anne Lange
Chief, State-Federal Fisheries Division
Office of Sustainable Fisheries
National Marine Fisheries Service
1315 East-West Highway, Room 13317
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

VIA FACSIMILE (301) 713-0596

Dear Ms. Lange:

The Hudson River Fishermen's Association (HRFA) is a nationally recognized concervation leader, representing individual sport fishermen of the New York and New Jersey area. As a member of the HRFA, I respectfully urge NMFS to keep the EEZ closed to striped bass fishing.

First, NMFS must address the commercial bycatch of striped bass that is already occurring in the EEZ before opening these waters to directed fisheries. Extensive coastal migrations of striped bass occur annually in the Mid-Atlantic EEZ and many of these fish are large breeders. During these migrations, large numbers of bass are particularly vulnerable to commercial nets. On the water observations have shown that there is already a significant amount of striped bass mortality in the EEZ due to commercial bycatch. It would not be appropriate to remove the moratorium until this is addressed.

Second, as Amendment 6 states, there are concerns about the relative lack of larger fish in the stock. Lifting the moratorium would place an increased pressure on the stock of older, larger fish, which Amendment 6 seeks to enhance. Thus, the long-term sustainability of the stock would be threatened.

Furthermore, an open harvest of striped bass in the EEZ could cause the fishing mortality rate to exceed the targets set in Amendment 6. Increased effort and landings in the EEZ could then result in more restrictive management measures for recreational fishermen such as higher minimum size limits, reduced bag limits, and shorter seasons which would surely add up to lost opportunities for the recreational fishing sector.

Striped bass are far too valuable to the recreational fishing sector and coastal communities to be compromised by opening the EEZ at this time. I strongly urge NMFS to continue the striped bass harvest moratorium in the EEZ.

Sincerely,

Name:

Fred Edwing

Signature

Fred Edwing

Address:

1067 Washington Ave

Date

9/24/03

City:

Old Tappan State: N. J. Zip: 07675

9/24/03 5:50 PM

<http://www.hrfa.net/eez.htm>

SEP. 24 2003 05:52PM P1

FAX NO. : 201 664 0034

FROM : Fred Edwing

201 664 0034

10/28/2003 02:50PM

Anne Lange
Chief, State-Federal Fisheries Division
Office of Sustainable Fisheries
National Marine Fisheries Service
1315 East-West Highway, Room 13317
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

VIA FACSIMILE (301) 713-0596

Dear Ms. Lange:

The Hudson River Fishermen's Association (HRFA) is a nationally recognized conservation leader, representing individual sport fishermen of the New York and New Jersey area. As a member of the HRFA, I respectfully urge NMFS to keep the EEZ closed to striped bass fishing.

First, NMFS must address the commercial bycatch of striped bass that is already occurring in the EEZ before opening these waters to directed fisheries. Extensive coastal migrations of striped bass occur annually in the Mid-Atlantic EEZ and many of these fish are large breeders. During these migrations, large numbers of bass are particularly vulnerable to commercial nets. On the water observations have shown that there is already a significant amount of striped bass mortality in the EEZ due to commercial bycatch. It would not be appropriate to remove the moratorium until this is addressed.

Second, as Amendment 6 states, there are concerns about the relative lack of larger fish in the stock. Lifting the moratorium would place an increased pressure on the stock of older, larger fish, which Amendment 6 seeks to enhance. Thus, the long-term sustainability of the stock would be threatened.

Furthermore, an open harvest of striped bass in the EEZ could cause the fishing mortality rate to exceed the targets set in Amendment 6. Increased effort and landings in the EEZ could then result in more restrictive management measures for recreational fishermen such as higher minimum size limits, reduced bag limits, and shorter seasons which would surely add up to lost opportunities for the recreational fishing sector.

Striped bass are far too valuable to the recreational fishing sector and coastal communities to be compromised by opening the EEZ at this time. I strongly urge NMFS to continue the striped bass harvest moratorium in the EEZ.

Sincerely,

Name: Charles Gennarelli

Signature Charles Gennarelli

Address: 18 Dacotah Avenue

Date _____

City: Lake Hiawatha State: NS Zip: 07034

'03 09/24 WED 07:47 FAX 605 964 1171

Page 1 of 2

EEZ Letter

Anne Lange
Chief, State-Federal Fisheries Division
Office of Sustainable Fisheries
National Marine Fisheries Service
1315 East-West Highway, Room 13317
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

RECEIVED
SEP 24 2003

BY: _____

VIA FACSIMILE (301) 713-0596

Dear Ms. Lange:

The Hudson River Fishermen's Association (HRFA) is a nationally recognized concervation leader, representing individual sport fishermen of the New York and New Jersey area. As a member of the HRFA, I respectfully urge NMFS to keep the EEZ closed to striped bass fishing.

First, NMFS must address the commercial bycatch of striped bass that is already occurring in the EEZ before opening these waters to directed fisheries. Extensive coastal migrations of striped bass occur annually in the Mid-Atlantic EEZ and many of these fish are large breeders. During these migrations, large numbers of bass are particularly vulnerable to commercial nets. On the water observations have shown that there is already a significant amount of striped bass mortality in the EEZ due to commercial bycatch. It would not be appropriate to remove the moratorium until this is addressed.

Second, as Amendment 6 states, there are concerns about the relative lack of larger fish in the stock. Lifting the moratorium would place an increased pressure on the stock of older, larger fish, which Amendment 6 seeks to enhance. Thus, the long-term sustainability of the stock would be threatened.

Furthermore, an open harvest of striped bass in the EEZ could cause the fishing mortality rate to exceed the targets set in Amendment 6. Increased effort and landings in the EEZ could then result in more restrictive management measures for recreational fishermen such as higher minimum size limits, reduced bag limits, and shorter seasons which would surely

EEZ Letter

add up to lost opportunities for the recreational fishing sector.

Striped bass are far too valuable to the recreational fishing sector and coastal communities to be compromised by opening the EEZ at this time. I strongly urge NMFS to continue the striped bass harvest moratorium in the EEZ.

RECEIVED
SEP 24 2003

Sincerely,

Name: Bob Carlson, Jr.

Signature [Signature]

Address: 27 E. Crimen Rd

Date 9-24-03

City: Blairgowrie State: NJ Zip: 07828

ID:

SEP 24 '03 12:55 No. 0001 P. 01

EEZ Letter

Anne Lange
Chief, State-Federal Fisheries Division
Office of Sustainable Fisheries
National Marine Fisheries Service
1315 East-West Highway, Room 13317
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

RECEIVED
SEP 24 2003

BY: _____

VIA FACSIMILE (301) 713-0596

Dear Ms. Lange:

The Hudson River Fishermen's Association (HRFA) is a nationally recognized conservation leader, representing individual sport fishermen of the New York and New Jersey area. As a member of the HRFA, I respectfully urge NMFS to keep the EEZ closed to striped bass fishing.

First, NMFS must address the commercial bycatch of striped bass that is already occurring in the EEZ before opening these waters to directed fisheries. Extensive coastal migrations of striped bass occur annually in the Mid-Atlantic EEZ and many of these fish are large breeders. During these migrations, large numbers of bass are particularly vulnerable to commercial nets. On the water observations have shown that there is already a significant amount of striped bass mortality in the EEZ due to commercial bycatch. It would not be appropriate to remove the moratorium until this is addressed.

Second, as Amendment 6 states, there are concerns about the relative lack of larger fish in the stock. Lifting the moratorium would place an increased pressure on the stock of older, larger fish, which Amendment 6 seeks to enhance. Thus, the long-term sustainability of the stock would be threatened.

Furthermore, an open harvest of striped bass in the EEZ could cause the fishing mortality rate to exceed the targets set in Amendment 6. Increased effort and landings in the EEZ could then result in more restrictive management measures for recreational fishermen such as higher minimum size limits, reduced bag limits, and shorter seasons which would surely add up to lost opportunities for the recreational fishing sector.

Striped bass are far too valuable to the recreational fishing sector and coastal communities to be compromised by opening the EEZ at this time. I strongly urge NMFS to continue the striped bass harvest moratorium in the EEZ.

Sincerely,

Name: PAUL HELMHOLDSignature: Paul HelmholtAddress: 147 FORT LEE RDDate: 9-24-03City: LEONIA State: NY Zip: 07605

09/24/2003

10/28/2003 02:50PM

09/24/2003 12:51 2124843862

INST SALES INST TRAD

PAGE 02

Page 1 of 1

EEZ Letter

Anne Lange
Chief, State-Federal Fisheries Division
Office of Sustainable Fisheries
National Marine Fisheries Service
1315 East-West Highway, Room 13317
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

RECEIVED
SEP 24 2003

BY: _____

VIA FACSIMILE (301) 713-0596

Dear Ms. Lange:

The Hudson River Fishermen's Association (HRFA) is a nationally recognized conservation leader, representing individual sport fishermen of the New York and New Jersey area. As a member of the HRFA, I respectfully urge NMFS to keep the EEZ closed to striped bass fishing.

First, NMFS must address the commercial bycatch of striped bass that is already occurring in the EEZ before opening these waters to directed fisheries. Extensive coastal migrations of striped bass occur annually in the Mid-Atlantic EEZ and many of these fish are large breeders. During these migrations, large numbers of bass are particularly vulnerable to commercial nets. On the water observations have shown that there is already a significant amount of striped bass mortality in the EEZ due to commercial bycatch. It would not be appropriate to remove the moratorium until this is addressed.

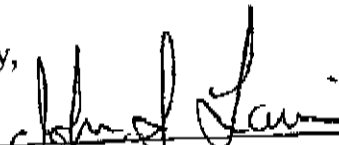
Second, as Amendment 6 states, there are concerns about the relative lack of larger fish in the stock. Lifting the moratorium would place an increased pressure on the stock of older, larger fish, which Amendment 6 seeks to enhance. Thus, the long-term sustainability of the stock would be threatened.

Furthermore, an open harvest of striped bass in the EEZ could cause the fishing mortality rate to exceed the targets set in Amendment 6. Increased effort and landings in the EEZ could then result in more restrictive management measures for recreational fishermen such as higher minimum size limits, reduced bag limits, and shorter seasons which would surely add up to lost opportunities for the recreational fishing sector.

Striped bass are far too valuable to the recreational fishing sector and coastal communities to be compromised by opening the EEZ at this time. I strongly urge NMFS to continue the striped bass harvest moratorium in the EEZ.

Sincerely,

Name:



Signature

JOHN S. LAVIN

Address:

184 KENT PK. (BLVD)

Date

9/24/03

City:

Summit

State:

NJ

Zip: 07901

09/24/2003 12:51 2124843862

INST SALES INST TRAD

PAGE 01
Page 1 of 1

EEZ Letter

Anne Lange
Chief, State-Federal Fisheries Division
Office of Sustainable Fisheries
National Marine Fisheries Service
1315 East-West Highway, Room 13317
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

RECEIVED
SEP 24 2003

BY: _____

VIA FACSIMILE (301) 713-0596

Dear Ms. Lange:

The Hudson River Fishermen's Association (HRFA) is a nationally recognized conservation leader, representing individual sport fishermen of the New York and New Jersey area. As a member of the HRFA, I respectfully urge NMFS to keep the EEZ closed to striped bass fishing.

First, NMFS must address the commercial bycatch of striped bass that is already occurring in the EEZ before opening these waters to directed fisheries. Extensive coastal migrations of striped bass occur annually in the Mid-Atlantic EEZ and many of these fish are large breeders. During these migrations, large numbers of bass are particularly vulnerable to commercial nets. On the water observations have shown that there is already a significant amount of striped bass mortality in the EEZ due to commercial bycatch. It would not be appropriate to remove the moratorium until this is addressed.

Second, as Amendment 6 states, there are concerns about the relative lack of larger fish in the stock. Lifting the moratorium would place an increased pressure on the stock of older, larger fish, which Amendment 6 seeks to enhance. Thus, the long-term sustainability of the stock would be threatened.

Furthermore, an open harvest of striped bass in the EEZ could cause the fishing mortality rate to exceed the targets set in Amendment 6. Increased effort and landings in the EEZ could then result in more restrictive management measures for recreational fishermen such as higher minimum size limits, reduced bag limits, and shorter seasons which would surely add up to lost opportunities for the recreational fishing sector.

Striped bass are far too valuable to the recreational fishing sector and coastal communities to be compromised by opening the EEZ at this time. I strongly urge NMFS to continue the striped bass harvest moratorium in the EEZ.

Sincerely,

Name: PETER F. BRENNAN JRSignature Peter FBAddress: 389 Mountain RdDate 9/24/03City: Union City State: NS Zip: 07087

09/24/2003 WED 08:14 FAX

Page 1 of 1

EEZ Letter



Anne Lange
Chief, State-Federal Fisheries Division
Office of Sustainable Fisheries
National Marine Fisheries Service
1315 East-West Highway, Room 13317
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

VIA FACSIMILE (301) 713-0596

Dear Ms. Lange:

The Hudson River Fishermen's Association (HRFA) is a nationally recognized conservation leader, representing individual sport fishermen of the New York and New Jersey area. As a member of the HRFA, I respectfully urge NMFS to keep the EEZ closed to striped bass fishing.

First, NMFS must address the commercial bycatch of striped bass that is already occurring in the EEZ before opening these waters to directed fisheries. Extensive coastal migrations of striped bass occur annually in the Mid-Atlantic EEZ and many of these fish are large breeders. During these migrations, large numbers of bass are particularly vulnerable to commercial nets. On the water observations have shown that there is already a significant amount of striped bass mortality in the EEZ due to commercial bycatch. It would not be appropriate to remove the moratorium until this is addressed.

Second, as Amendment 6 states, there are concerns about the relative lack of larger fish in the stock. Lifting the moratorium would place an increased pressure on the stock of older, larger fish, which Amendment 6 seeks to enhance. Thus, the long-term sustainability of the stock would be threatened.

Furthermore, an open harvest of striped bass in the EEZ could cause the fishing mortality rate to exceed the targets set in Amendment 6. Increased effort and landings in the EEZ could then result in more restrictive management measures for recreational fishermen such as higher minimum size limits, reduced bag limits, and shorter seasons which would surely add up to lost opportunities for the recreational fishing sector.

Striped bass are far too valuable to the recreational fishing sector and coastal communities to be compromised by opening the EEZ at this time. I strongly urge NMFS to continue the striped bass harvest moratorium in the EEZ.

Sincerely,

Name: John C. GilmoreSignature Address: 14 Columbus AvenueDate 9/24/03City: Glen Ridge State: NJ Zip: 07028

Anne Lange
Chief, State-Federal Fisheries Division
Office of Sustainable Fisheries
National Marine Fisheries Service
1315 East-West Highway, Room 13317
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910



VIA FACSIMILE (301) 713-0596

Dear Ms. Lange:

The Hudson River Fishermen's Association (HRFA) is a nationally recognized conservation leader, representing individual sport fishermen of the New York and New Jersey area. As a member of the HRFA, I respectfully urge NMFS to keep the EEZ closed to striped bass fishing.

First, NMFS must address the commercial bycatch of striped bass that is already occurring in the EEZ before opening these waters to directed fisheries. Extensive coastal migrations of striped bass occur annually in the Mid-Atlantic EEZ and many of these fish are large breeders. During these migrations, large numbers of bass are particularly vulnerable to commercial nets. On the water observations have shown that there is already a significant amount of striped bass mortality in the EEZ due to commercial bycatch. It would not be appropriate to remove the moratorium until this is addressed.

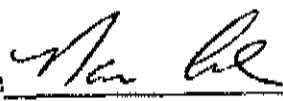
Second, as Amendment 6 states, there are concerns about the relative lack of larger fish in the stock. Lifting the moratorium would place an increased pressure on the stock of older, larger fish, which Amendment 6 seeks to enhance. Thus, the long-term sustainability of the stock would be threatened.

Furthermore, an open harvest of striped bass in the EEZ could cause the fishing mortality rate to exceed the targets set in Amendment 6. Increased effort and landings in the EEZ could then result in more restrictive management measures for recreational fishermen such as higher minimum size limits, reduced bag limits, and shorter seasons which would surely add up to lost opportunities for the recreational fishing sector.

Striped bass are far too valuable to the recreational fishing sector and coastal communities to be compromised by opening the EEZ at this time. I strongly urge NMFS to continue the striped bass harvest moratorium in the EEZ.

Sincerely,

Name: NORMAN ANDREASEN

Signature: 

Address: 548 WINDSOR RD

Date: 9-24-03

City: NEW MILFORD State: NJ Zip: 07646

EEZ Letter

Page 1 of 1

Anne Lange
Chief, State-Federal Fisheries Division
Office of Sustainable Fisheries
National Marine Fisheries Service
1315 East-West Highway, Room 13317
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910



VIA FACSIMILE (301) 713-0596

Dear Ms. Lange:

The Hudson River Fishermen's Association (HRFA) is a nationally recognized conservation leader, representing individual sport fishermen of the New York and New Jersey area. As a member of the HRFA, I respectfully urge NMFS to keep the EEZ closed to striped bass fishing.

First, NMFS must address the commercial bycatch of striped bass that is already occurring in the EEZ before opening these waters to directed fisheries. Extensive coastal migrations of striped bass occur annually in the Mid-Atlantic EEZ and many of these fish are large breeders. During these migrations, large numbers of bass are particularly vulnerable to commercial nets. On the water observations have shown that there is already a significant amount of striped bass mortality in the EEZ due to commercial bycatch. It would not be appropriate to remove the moratorium until this is addressed.

Second, as Amendment 6 states, there are concerns about the relative lack of larger fish in the stock. Lifting the moratorium would place an increased pressure on the stock of older, larger fish, which Amendment 6 seeks to enhance. Thus, the long-term sustainability of the stock would be threatened.

Furthermore, an open harvest of striped bass in the EEZ could cause the fishing mortality rate to exceed the targets set in Amendment 6. Increased effort and landings in the EEZ could then result in more restrictive management measures for recreational fishermen such as higher minimum size limits, reduced bag limits, and shorter seasons which would surely add up to lost opportunities for the recreational fishing sector.

Striped bass are far too valuable to the recreational fishing sector and coastal communities to be compromised by opening the EEZ at this time. I strongly urge NMFS to continue the striped bass harvest moratorium in the EEZ.

Sincerely,

Name: DAVID JACKSONSignature Address: 6 Bradshaw CtDate 9/25/03City: Hillsdale State: NJ Zip: 07642

EEZ Letter

Anne Lange
 Chief, State-Federal Fisheries Division
 Office of Sustainable Fisheries
 National Marine Fisheries Service
 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13317
 Silver Spring, Maryland 20910



VIA FACSIMILE (301) 713-0596

Dear Ms. Lange:

The Hudson River Fishermen's Association (HRFA) is a nationally recognized conservation leader, representing individual sport fishermen of the New York and New Jersey area. As a member of the HRFA, I respectfully urge NMFS to keep the EEZ closed to striped bass fishing.

First, NMFS must address the commercial bycatch of striped bass that is already occurring in the EEZ before opening these waters to directed fisheries. Extensive coastal migrations of striped bass occur annually in the Mid-Atlantic EEZ and many of these fish are large breeders. During these migrations, large numbers of bass are particularly vulnerable to commercial nets. On the water observations have shown that there is already a significant amount of striped bass mortality in the EEZ due to commercial bycatch. It would not be appropriate to remove the moratorium until this is addressed.

Second, as Amendment 6 states, there are concerns about the relative lack of larger fish in the stock. Lifting the moratorium would place an increased pressure on the stock of older, larger fish, which Amendment 6 seeks to enhance. Thus, the long-term sustainability of the stock would be threatened.

Furthermore, an open harvest of striped bass in the EEZ could cause the fishing mortality rate to exceed the targets set in Amendment 6. Increased effort and landings in the EEZ could then result in more restrictive management measures for recreational fishermen such as higher minimum size limits, reduced bag limits, and shorter seasons which would surely add up to lost opportunities for the recreational fishing sector.

Striped bass are far too valuable to the recreational fishing sector and coastal communities to be compromised by opening the EEZ at this time. I strongly urge NMFS to continue the striped bass harvest moratorium in the EEZ.

Sincerely,

Name: JOHN MOSCATELLOSignature Address: 24 FRANCES RD.Date 9/24/03City LINCOLN PK. State: N.J. Zip: 07035

9/23/2003

<http://www.hrfa.net/eez.htm>

SEP-24-2003 08:17

EEZ LEAD



Anne Lange
Chief, State-Federal Fisheries Division
Office of Sustainable Fisheries
National Marine Fisheries Service
1315 East-West Highway, Room 13317
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

VIA FACSIMILE (301) 713-0596

Dear Ms. Lange:

The Hudson River Fishermen's Association (HRFA) is a nationally recognized conservation leader, representing individual sport fishermen of the New York and New Jersey area. As a member of the HRFA, I respectfully urge NMFS to keep the EEZ closed to striped bass fishing.

First, NMFS must address the commercial bycatch of striped bass that is already occurring in the EEZ before opening these waters to directed fisheries. Extensive coastal migrations of striped bass occur annually in the Mid-Atlantic EEZ and many of these fish are large breeders. During these migrations, large numbers of bass are particularly vulnerable to commercial nets. On the water observations have shown that there is already a significant amount of striped bass mortality in the EEZ due to commercial bycatch. It would not be appropriate to remove the moratorium until this is addressed.

Second, as Amendment 6 states, there are concerns about the relative lack of larger fish in the stock. Lifting the moratorium would place an increased pressure on the stock of older, larger fish, which Amendment 6 seeks to enhance. Thus, the long-term sustainability of the stock would be threatened.

Furthermore, an open harvest of striped bass in the EEZ could cause the fishing mortality rate to exceed the targets set in Amendment 6. Increased effort and landings in the EEZ could then result in more restrictive management measures for recreational fishermen such as higher minimum size limits, reduced bag limits, and shorter seasons which would surely add up to lost opportunities for the recreational fishing sector.

Striped bass are far too valuable to the recreational fishing sector and coastal communities to be compromised by opening the EEZ at this time. I strongly urge NMFS to continue the striped bass harvest moratorium in the EEZ.

Sincerely,

Name: Mike Lynch Signature: [Signature]
Address: 88 CHESTNUT ST Date: 9/24/03
City: Ridgewood State: NY Zip: 07450

8458762321

FROM : ALEX AND PAT

FAX NO. : 8458762321

Sep. 24 2003 08:15AM P1

Page 1 of 1



Anne Lange
Chief, State-Federal Fisheries Division
Office of Sustainable Fisheries
National Marine Fisheries Service
1315 East-West Highway, Room 13317
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

VIA FACSIMILE (301) 713-0596

Dear Ms. Lange:

The Hudson River Fishermen's Association (HRFA) is a nationally recognized conservation leader, representing individual sport fishermen of the New York and New Jersey area. As a member of the HRFA, I respectfully urge NMFS to keep the EEZ closed to striped bass fishing.

First, NMFS must address the commercial bycatch of striped bass that is already occurring in the EEZ before opening these waters to directed fisheries. Extensive coastal migrations of striped bass occur annually in the Mid-Atlantic EEZ and many of these fish are large breeders. During these migrations, large numbers of bass are particularly vulnerable to commercial nets. On the water observations have shown that there is already a significant amount of striped bass mortality in the EEZ due to commercial bycatch. It would not be appropriate to remove the moratorium until this is addressed.

Second, as Amendment 6 states, there are concerns about the relative lack of larger fish in the stock. Lifting the moratorium would place an increased pressure on the stock of older, larger fish, which Amendment 6 seeks to enhance. Thus, the long-term sustainability of the stock would be threatened.

Furthermore, an open harvest of striped bass in the EEZ could cause the fishing mortality rate to exceed the targets set in Amendment 6. Increased effort and landings in the EEZ could then result in more restrictive management measures for recreational fishermen such as higher minimum size limits, reduced bag limits, and shorter seasons which would surely add up to lost opportunities for the recreational fishing sector.

Striped bass are far too valuable to the recreational fishing sector and coastal communities to be compromised by opening the EEZ at this time. I strongly urge NMFS to continue the striped bass harvest moratorium in the EEZ.

Sincerely,

Name: ALEXANDER Kouroukos Signature: [Signature]
Address: 408 Rhinecliff Road Date: 9/24/03
City: Rhinebeck State: N.Y Zip: 12572

FROM : GARDEN-STATE-REPAIR
EEZ Letter

PHONE NO. : 201 944 4426

Sep. 24 2003 08:14PM P1

Page 1 of 1

Anne Lange
Chief, State-Federal Fisheries Division
Office of Sustainable Fisheries
National Marine Fisheries Service
1315 East-West Highway, Room 13317
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910



VIA FACSIMILE (301) 713-0596

Dear Ms. Lange:

The Hudson River Fishermen's Association (HRFA) is a nationally recognized conservation leader, representing individual sport fishermen of the New York and New Jersey area. As a member of the HRFA, I respectfully urge NMFS to keep the EEZ closed to striped bass fishing.

First, NMFS must address the commercial bycatch of striped bass that is already occurring in the EEZ before opening these waters to directed fisheries. Extensive coastal migrations of striped bass occur annually in the Mid-Atlantic EEZ and many of these fish are large breeders. During these migrations, large numbers of bass are particularly vulnerable to commercial nets. On the water observations have shown that there is already a significant amount of striped bass mortality in the EEZ due to commercial bycatch. It would not be appropriate to remove the moratorium until this is addressed.

Second, as Amendment 6 states, there are concerns about the relative lack of larger fish in the stock. Lifting the moratorium would place an increased pressure on the stock of older, larger fish, which Amendment 6 seeks to enhance. Thus, the long-term sustainability of the stock would be threatened.

Furthermore, an open harvest of striped bass in the EEZ could cause the fishing mortality rate to exceed the targets set in Amendment 6. Increased effort and landings in the EEZ could then result in more restrictive management measures for recreational fishermen such as higher minimum size limits, reduced bag limits, and shorter seasons which would surely add up to lost opportunities for the recreational fishing sector.

Striped bass are far too valuable to the recreational fishing sector and coastal communities to be compromised by opening the EEZ at this time. I strongly urge NMFS to continue the striped bass harvest moratorium in the EEZ.

Sincerely,

Name: FRANK WISNIEWSKISignature Address: 475 COMMERCIAL BLVDDate 9/24/03City: PALISADES PK State: NY Zip: 07650

SEP-24-2003 08:17

<http://www.hrfa.net/eez.htm>

EEZ Letter

Anne Lange
Chief, State-Federal Fisheries Division
Office of Sustainable Fisheries
National Marine Fisheries Service
1315 East-West Highway, Room 13317
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910



VIA FACSIMILE (301) 713-0596

Dear Ms. Lange:

The Hudson River Fishermen's Association (HRFA) is a nationally recognized conservation leader, representing individual sport fishermen of the New York and New Jersey area. As a member of the HRFA, I respectfully urge NMFS to keep the EEZ closed to striped bass fishing.

First, NMFS must address the commercial bycatch of striped bass that is already occurring in the EEZ before opening these waters to directed fisheries. Extensive coastal migrations of striped bass occur annually in the Mid-Atlantic EEZ and many of these fish are large breeders. During these migrations, large numbers of bass are particularly vulnerable to commercial nets. On the water observations have shown that there is already a significant amount of striped bass mortality in the EEZ due to commercial bycatch. It would not be appropriate to remove the moratorium until this is addressed.

Second, as Amendment 6 states, there are concerns about the relative lack of larger fish in the stock. Lifting the moratorium would place an increased pressure on the stock of older, larger fish, which Amendment 6 seeks to enhance. Thus, the long-term sustainability of the stock would be threatened.

Furthermore, an open harvest of striped bass in the EEZ could cause the fishing mortality rate to exceed the targets set in Amendment 6. Increased effort and landings in the EEZ could then result in more restrictive management measures for recreational fishermen such as higher minimum size limits, reduced bag limits, and shorter seasons which would surely add up to lost opportunities for the recreational fishing sector.

Striped bass are far too valuable to the recreational fishing sector and coastal communities to be compromised by opening the EEZ at this time. I strongly urge NMFS to continue the striped bass harvest moratorium in the EEZ.

Sincerely,

Name:

CARL HARTMANN

Signature:

[Signature]

Address:

31 COLONIAL PKWY

Date:

9/24/03

City:

Dumont

State:

NY

Zip:

07628

I FISH - I VOTE!

Anne Lange
Chief, State-Federal Fisheries Division
Office of Sustainable Fisheries
National Marine Fisheries Service
1315 East-West Highway, Room 13317
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

RECEIVED
9/24/03

VIA FACSIMILE (301) 713-0596

Dear Ms. Lange:

The Hudson River Fishermen's Association (HRFA) is a nationally recognized conservation leader, representing individual sport fishermen of the New York and New Jersey area. As a member of the HRFA, I respectfully urge NMFS to keep the EEZ closed to striped bass fishing.

First, NMFS must address the commercial bycatch of striped bass that is already occurring in the EEZ before opening these waters to directed fisheries. Extensive coastal migrations of striped bass occur annually in the Mid-Atlantic EEZ and many of these fish are large breeders. During these migrations, large numbers of bass are particularly vulnerable to commercial nets. On the water observations have shown that there is already a significant amount of striped bass mortality in the EEZ due to commercial bycatch. It would not be appropriate to remove the moratorium until this is addressed.

Second, as Amendment 6 states, there are concerns about the relative lack of larger fish in the stock. Lifting the moratorium would place an increased pressure on the stock of older, larger fish, which Amendment 6 seeks to enhance. Thus, the long-term sustainability of the stock would be threatened.

Furthermore, an open harvest of striped bass in the EEZ could cause the fishing mortality rate to exceed the targets set in Amendment 6. Increased effort and landings in the EEZ could then result in more restrictive management measures for recreational fishermen such as higher minimum size limits, reduced bag limits, and shorter seasons which would surely add up to lost opportunities for the recreational fishing sector.

Striped bass are far too valuable to the recreational fishing sector and coastal communities to be compromised by opening the EEZ at this time. I strongly urge NMFS to continue the striped bass harvest moratorium in the EEZ.

Sincerely,

Name: PETER A DALY

Signature

Peter A. Daly

Address: 607 N. ANZICKETT

Date

9-24-03

City: FORKED RIVER State: NJ Zip: 08731

EEZ Letter

Page 1 of 1

Anne Lange
Chief, State-Federal Fisheries Division
Office of Sustainable Fisheries
National Marine Fisheries Service
1315 East-West Highway, Room 13317
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910



VIA FACSIMILE (301) 713-0596

Dear Ms. Lange:

The Hudson River Fishermen's Association (HRFA) is a nationally recognized conservation leader, representing individual sport fishermen of the New York and New Jersey area. As a member of the HRFA, I respectfully urge NMFS to keep the EEZ closed to striped bass fishing.

First, NMFS must address the commercial bycatch of striped bass that is already occurring in the EEZ before opening these waters to directed fisheries. Extensive coastal migrations of striped bass occur annually in the Mid-Atlantic EEZ and many of these fish are large breeders. During these migrations, large numbers of bass are particularly vulnerable to commercial nets. On the water observations have shown that there is already a significant amount of striped bass mortality in the EEZ due to commercial bycatch. It would not be appropriate to remove the moratorium until this is addressed.

Second, as Amendment 6 states, there are concerns about the relative lack of larger fish in the stock. Lifting the moratorium would place an increased pressure on the stock of older, larger fish, which Amendment 6 seeks to enhance. Thus, the long-term sustainability of the stock would be threatened.

Furthermore, an open harvest of striped bass in the EEZ could cause the fishing mortality rate to exceed the targets set in Amendment 6. Increased effort and landings in the EEZ could then result in more restrictive management measures for recreational fishermen such as higher minimum size limits, reduced bag limits, and shorter seasons which would surely add up to lost opportunities for the recreational fishing sector.

Striped bass are far too valuable to the recreational fishing sector and coastal communities to be compromised by opening the EEZ at this time. I strongly urge NMFS to continue the striped bass harvest moratorium in the EEZ.

Sincerely,

Name: Matthew CarveranoSignature Matthew CarveranoAddress: 3 White RdDate 9/24/03City: Ringwood State: NS Zip: 07456